

NOTES

Indicator

Children receiving special education services

Definition

Number of students in grades K-12 receiving special education services in Orange County.

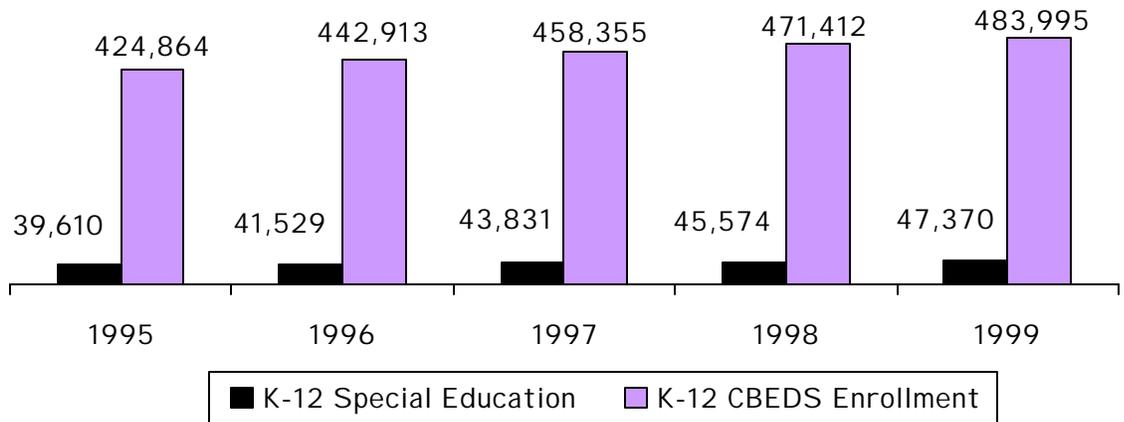
Findings

Of the 483,995 total K-12 student enrollment in Orange County for 1999/2000, 47,370 students were receiving special education services. Special education enrollment accounted for 9.8% of all students in the County. At the State level, special education enrollment accounted for 10.1% of all students.

STATEWIDE:  
About 64 cents of every special education dollar in California comes from State and federal funds. The other 36 cents comes from regular educational funding, about 6% of total funds.<sup>1</sup>

In the 1998/99 school year, there were an estimated 599,005 children between 3 and 17 years of age participating in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This program is also known as IDEA.<sup>2</sup>

Number of Students K-12 Receiving Special Education and Total K-12 Enrollment\* in Orange County



\*from California Basic Education Data Systems (CBEDS)

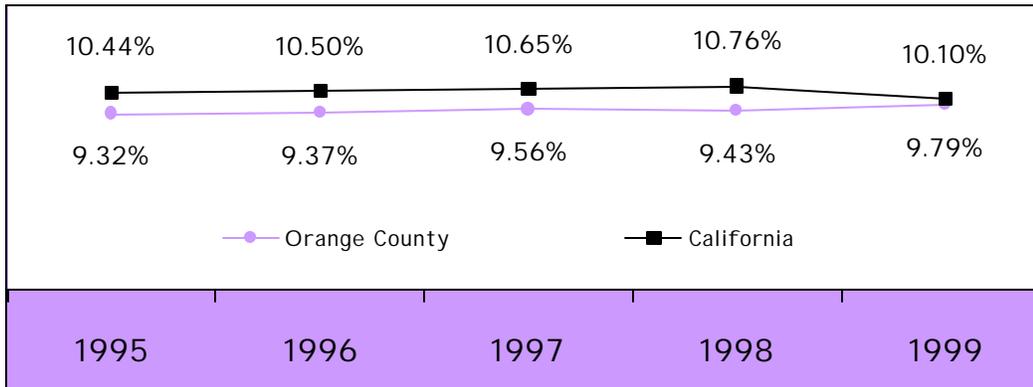
Orange County K-12 Students Enrolled in Special Education by Type of Setting

Instructional Setting	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Designated Instruction & Service	25.30%	24.69%	24.60%	23.69%	23.76%
Resource Specialist Program	45.20%	45.17%	45.35%	46.15%	46.36%
Special Day Class	28.83%	29.24%	28.93%	29.02%	28.68%
Non-Public School	0.67%	0.90%	1.12%	1.13%	1.07%

RELATED INDICATORS:  
• Developmental Disabilities

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## Percent of K-12 Students in Special Education Relative to Students in General Education



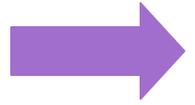
### Trends

The number of K-12 students receiving special education in Orange County increased by 19.6% from 1995 to 1999 (39,610 to 47,370). In the same period, general enrollment increased by 14%. The percent of special education students increased slightly from 9.32% in 1995 to 9.79% in 1999.

### Implications

In Orange County, the percent of students in special education has not increased significantly during the past five years. Over the past 20 years, the number of students with special needs at the national level, as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (i.e. learning disabled and/or emotionally disabled), has risen to 12.4% of the 46.8 million U.S. public school population. About 70% of students with disabilities are taught in regular classrooms, mainstreamed with the general education population. Nationally, the total cost of educating students with disabilities is more than \$32 billion, only \$4 billion of which comes from the federal government. The federal support for special education is only 15% of the cost, even though the original mandates in 1977 called for a 40% level of support.

## NOTES



SEE SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES FOR ADDITIONAL DATA

**NATIONWIDE:**  
In the 1998/99 school year, there were 5,777,491 children between 3 and 17 years of age participating in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.<sup>3</sup>

**DATA SOURCE:**  
Orange County Department of Education

**NOTES:**  
<sup>1</sup>Orange County Register, 12/23/98  
<sup>2,3</sup>The State of America's Children Yearbook, 2001

## SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES: EDUCATION

### Indicator

#### Special Education

### Number of K-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services by Type of Disability

Type of Disability	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Specific Learning Disability	19,739	20,037	20,822	21,722	22,588	23,193
Speech/Language Impaired	12,462	12,976	13,432	14,098	14,473	15,094
Mentally Retarded	2,098	2,211	2,314	2,515	2,644	2,773
Orthopedically Impaired	1,026	1,010	1,058	1,062	1,066	1,077
Multiply Disabled	663	682	737	792	771	747
Other Health Impaired	661	832	995	1,146	1,283	1,537
Deaf	434	414	404	397	397	400
Emotionally Disturbed	412	454	532	642	698	706
Visually Impaired	304	335	376	373	382	371
Hard of Hearing	274	280	324	375	365	361
Deaf-Blind	11	29	27	20	27	17
Autistic	203	281	408	588	778	996
Traumatic Brain Injury	28	46	78	80	87	98
No Category	5	23	22	21	15	0
K-12 OC Special Education	38,320	39,610	41,529	43,831	45,574	47,370
K-12 OC CBEDS Enrollment	412,249	424,864	442,913	458,355	471,412	483,995
Percent OC Spec. Ed. to Reg. Ed.	9.29%	9.32%	9.37%	9.56%	9.43%	9.79%
K-12 State Spec. Ed. Enrollment	550,710	570,834	589,279	610,037	628,848	646,191
K-12 State CBEDS Enrollment	5,341,022	5,467,224	5,612,965	5,727,303	5,844,111	5,951,612
State % Spec. Ed. to Reg. Ed.	10.31%	10.44%	10.50%	10.65%	10.76%	10.86%

Source: Orange County Department of Education.

## SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES: EDUCATION

### Percent of K-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services by Type of Disability

Type of Disability	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Specific Learning Disability	4.75%	4.69%	4.67%	4.71%	4.75%	4.77%
Speech/Language Impaired	3.00	3.04	3.01	3.06	3.05	3.10
Mentally Retarded	0.51	0.52	0.52	0.55	0.56	0.57
Orthopedically Impaired	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.22
Multiply Disabled	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.15
Other Health Impaired	0.16	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.32
Deaf	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08
Emotionally Disturbed	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15
Visually Impaired	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Hard of Hearing	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07
Deaf-Blind	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Autistic	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.20
Traumatic Brain Injury	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
No Category	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OC % Spec. Ed. To Regular Ed.	9.29	9.32	9.37	9.56	9.43	9.79
<b>Total CBEDS Enrollment</b>	<b>412,249</b>	<b>424,864</b>	<b>442,913</b>	<b>458,355</b>	<b>471,412</b>	<b>483,995</b>

Source: Orange County Department of Education.